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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A novel emulsion polymerization process for the production of fluoroelastomers is disclosed wherein a partially fluorinated anionic surfactant of the formula F-(CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>M, where n is an integer from 2 to 9, or mixtures thereof, and M is a cation having a valence of 1, is used as the dispersing agent.